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E. O. 11652: N/ A
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SUBJECT: FOOD AID TO DAHOMEY

1. THE FRENCH PERMANENT DELEGATION TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES HAS NOTIFIED THE MISSION OF FRANCE' S INTENTION TO GRANT FOOD AID (SOFT WHEAT) TO DAHOMEY. THE NOTIFICATION IS IN THE FORM OF A COPY OF A LETTER ADDRESSED TO RABOT, THE COMMISSION' S DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE. AN IDENTICAL LETTER WAS SENT TO THE CANADIAN MISSION IN BRUSSELS.

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2. DETAILS OF THIS FOOD AID PROGRAM ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. TYPE OF OPERATION: FAO COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1/53- TYPE 2

B. BENEFICIARY: DAHOMEY

C. PRODUCT: SOFT WHEAT

D. QUANTITY: 3,000 METRIC TONS

E. MAINTENANCE OF CURRENT TRADE (SEE BELOW)

F. U. M. R.: 10,000 METRIC TONS

G. CONDITIONS OF DELIVERY: FOB

H. PERIOD OF DELIVERY: MAY 1973
DAHOMEY

COMMERCIAL AND NON- COMMERCIAL IMPORTS OF WHEAT:
1967/68-1971/72 (IN M. T.)

YEAR	COMMERCIAL	NON- COMMERCIAL
1967/68	7,622	74
1968/69	2,753	MOHAMMED YUSEF

NAJJAR WAS ALSO ALLEGEDLY FROM JERUSALEM AREA (LIFTA VILLAGE).

3. SEVERAL OF OUR CONTACTS HAVE ALSO COMMENTED ADVERSELY ON FACT THAT GOJ, ALONE AMONG ARAB GOVERNMENTS, HAS NOT SEEN FIT TO CONDEMN BEIRUT RAID (AND, JUDGING FROM AMMAN 1922 IS OF NO DISPOSITION TO DO SO).

4. " AL QUDS" DEVOTES FIRST PART OF APRIL 11 EDITORIAL TO SUGGESTING THAT IDF COULD NOT POSSIBLY HAVE CARRIED OUT RAID WITHOUT OUTSIDE (IMPLIED USG) ASSISTANCE, GOES ON TO NOTE THAT ISRAELI PRESENCE NO LONGER CONFINED TO PALESTINE AND HAS BECOME THORN IN SIDE OF ENTIRE ARAB NATION. EDITORIAL BEMOANS US SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL, AND SUGGESTS BEIRUT RAID SHOULD BE A LESSON TO THOSE ARAB LEADERS WHO MAKE PILGRIMAGE TO WASHINGTON AND LOOK FOR THEIR SALVATION IN WHITE HOUSE.

5. IN SUMMARY, APPARENT EASE WITH WHICH IDF CARRIED OFF RAID AND ITS ABILITY TO PENETRATE AND TO STRIKE AT VERY HEART OF RESISTANCE MOVEMENT, HAVE PAINFULLY REINFORCED PALESTINIAN AWARENESS THAT STRUGGLE IS HOPELESSLY UNEVEN AND THAT ARAB PROSPECTS IN ANY CONFRONTATION WITH ISRAEL ARE DIM INDEED.
IN PART, ISRAELI INTENTION WAS PRESUMABLY TO DRIVE HOME JUST THIS LESSON.
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